

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2871**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hisaki KURASHINA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2871

Application No.: 10/686,704

Examiner: T. NGUYEN

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For: ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the November 28, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13 and 15-17 are pending in this application.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0018278 to Sato in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,429,962 to Yang, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0202267 to Yamasaki et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,396,470 to Zhang et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Yamasaki does not constitute prior art. Yamasaki was filed on March 13, 2003. The above-identified application was filed on October 17, 2003, and claims priority to JP 2002-318545, filed October 31, 2002, and JP 2003-321787, filed September 12, 2003. An accurate

English translation of JP 2002-318545 is enclosed. As the instant claims are fully supported by JP 2002-318545, Yamasaki does not constitute prior art.

Because Yamasaki does not constitute prior art, the rejection must be withdrawn.

Withdrawal of the rejection of this respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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English-language translation of JP 2002-318545

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